

# **Ida Husted Harper papers**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Harper, Ida Husted , 1851-1931
<b>Title</b>	Ida Husted Harper papers
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<b>Text [Folder]</b>	S0595

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note/Historical Note/Administrative History

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Ida Husted Harper, journalist and suffragist, was born in Fairfield, Franklin County, Indiana on February 18, 1851. She married Thomas W. Harper in 1871 and settled in Terre Haute, Indiana. For 12 years, she wrote a column entitled, "A Woman's Opinions" for the *Terre Haute Saturday Evening Mail*. She and her husband had one daughter before divorcing in February, 1890. Ida Harper attended Stanford University (1893-1895) and joined the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA) in 1896. She was close friends with Susan B. Anthony and collaborated with her on the *History of Woman Suffrage*. She also wrote *The Life and Work of Susan B. Anthony*. Ms. Harper's writings and many years of work for women's suffrage played a big part in the successful campaign for the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. She died on March 14, 1931 in Washington, D.C.

### Sources:

"Ida A. Husted Harper." Encyclopedia Britannica. January 16, 2009. Accessed December 19, 2016. <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Ida-A-Husted-Harper>.

"Ida Husted Harper." Indiana Commission for Women. Accessed December 19, 2016. [https://www.in.gov/icw/files/20160314\\_Husted\\_Harper\\_Ida.pdf](https://www.in.gov/icw/files/20160314_Husted_Harper_Ida.pdf).

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains Ida Husted Harper's manuscript, *The Associated Work of the Women of Indiana*. The handwritten manuscript is 140 pages long and contains 45 chapters that relate information and statistics regarding the many missionary societies, temperance unions, literary clubs, and other organizations managed by women in Indiana up to April 1893. The collection also includes a letter sent by Mrs. Harper to Ed Hawkins regarding the publishing of her manuscript (circa 1893). *The Associated Work of the Women of Indiana* was published in 1893 by Wm B. Burford of Indianapolis as an Indiana World's Fair monograph.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged chronologically.

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Genre(s)

- Correspondence
- Manuscripts

**Personal Name(s)**

- Harper, Ida Husted , 1851-1931

**Subject(s)**

- Authors and publishers
- Authors, American
- Authors--Indiana
- Journalists
- Women and democracy
- Women authors
- Women in charitable work
- Women in community organization
- Women in public life
- Women missionaries
- Women political activists
- Women's rights
- Women's suffrage
- Women--Societies and clubs
- Writing